enforced by the State Governments through the Inspectorate of Factories. Some of the steps taken for minimising the accidents by the State Governments are given below :—

(i) Every fatal accident is thoroughly investigated by the Officers of the Inspectorate of Factories and remedial measures are suggested. Compliance is also followed up to prevent recurrence of such accidents.

(ii) Wherever essential, prosecutions are alsc launched against, the defaulting establishments.

(iii) Priority inspection are carried out by the Inspectorates, particularly, in hazardous units.

(iv) Education and training programmes, workshops and seminars are organised.

(c) The Directorate General of Factories advice Service and Labour Institutes under the Ministry of Labour had issued following Guidelines to the State Government for implementation :—

(i) Guidelines for inspections of Major Accidents Hazards Units.

(ii) General Guidelines on Electrical Safety.

Closing down of industries

5063. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of industries declared closed during the last three years in the States including Gujarat;

(b) the number of affected workers, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to rehabilitate these workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CBT Meeting

5064. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the members who attended the 160th meeting of the Central Board of Trustee of EPF from employees' side, organisation-wise;

(b) whether a housing project for the EPF subscribers had been approved in the meeting; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) The following representatives of employees attended the 160th meeting of the Central Board of Trustee of Employees Provident Fund :

- Shri Hasu Bhai Dave, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh.
- Shri A. Venkataram, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh.
- Shri B. N. Rai, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh.
- Shri G. Sanjeeva Reddy, Indian National Trade Union Congress.
- Shri Ashok Singh, Indian National Trade Union Congress.
- Shri Nirmal Ghosh, Indian National Trade Union Congress.
- Shri A. D. Nagpal, Hind Mazdoor Sabha.
- Shri Shankar Saha. United Trade Union Congress.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. In terms of paragraph 68B of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme, 1952, Provident Fund members who have completed five years membership are allowed withdrawal from the Fund for the purchase of a dwelling house/flat or for the construction of a dwelling house including the acquisition of suitable site for the purpose in line with the above legal provision, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has taken the initiative of a facilitator to bring under one Umbrella, HUDCO as a Housing Finance Agency and various State Housing Boards/Development Authorities to facilitate housing to Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) subscribers. The Scheme provides that the interest on loan will not be more than the average market rate at which Housing Finance is available and shall be at a rate agreed between Employees' Provident Fund Organisation and Housing Agency.

Statutory dues in C.P.S.Es.

5065. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1644 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 2003 and state :

(a) what actions Government have taken so far, to clear the outstanding statutory dues of Rs. 1750.14 crore to the employees of 65 C.P.S.Es.;

(b) what is the present position of the outstanding dues till the 31st March, 2003, C.P.S.E.-wise; and

(c) what is the time-frame for clearance of the dues in full?